



Eydon Village News

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2023 Eydon Village Fete.

Meeting on Tuesday March 7th at 7:00pm, in the Village Hall

Will there be a village fete this year? Only if enthusiastic volunteers can get together to help organise the Event.

An Open Meeting will be held in The Village Hall to appoint an organising Committee, so a fete may be held this year. As noted above, the Meeting will be on **Tuesday evening, March 7th**. All are invited to attend. But, in particular, it is vital that delegates from the traditional beneficiaries do come. St. Nicholas Church, The Sports Field, and The Village Hall really must make sure that they are fully represented, please.

After many years of unwavering support, Angus Richards has made it clear that he is no longer able to burden the task of main Organiser, but he will chair this Meeting with the object of arranging an efficient and smooth transfer of responsibilities.

John Grindlay

Next Issue

Any articles, muses, diary dates, notices, photos, etc. are very welcome!

Please email to:

evn@eydon-village.co.uk

OR

By hand or post to:

Ashview, 3 Byfield Road

Eydon NN11 3PL



Village Litter Pick - March 18th.

Save the date for this years Litter Pick! We will meet at **10am at The Royal Oak** and pickers, bags, gloves and hi-viz vests will be provided for you.

We'll re-convene afterwards for light refreshment. More details to follow but please let us know if you are able to join by emailing: jonathan@doddsmanor.com

Thank you in advance! *Jonathan Walker*

Help is needed to deliver copies of the Eydon Village News. If you are able to help deliver a few copies around the village and close to your own home, it would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Sue McRoberts: 01327 261068.

Thank You.



Notes from St Nicholas



Services for March 2023

Sunday 5th March

No service at St Nicholas

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at St Leonard's Aston le Walls

Sunday 12th March

10.30 Café Church

Sunday 19th March

10.00 Mothering Sunday service

Wednesday 22nd March

9.45 Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes - Holy Cross, Byfield

18.00 Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes - St Mary's Woodford Halse

Sunday 26th March

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion with visiting celebrant Rev Bob Bates

Please contact a Churchwarden if you need further information or have any questions.

We are happy to arrange lifts to benefice services if needed

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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The February meeting of Eydon Parish Council took place on Tuesday 14th December at 7.30pm in the Village hall.

The Councillors present were :- , Jonathan Walker, Howard Carter, Kim Keeble, Andy Partridge, Chairman Keith Simmons along with Andy Hartley the Clerk and Alison Eastwood Unitary Councillor. There were six members of the public in attendance.

During the meeting amongst the items discussed were:

Water Supply

The public meeting with Anglia Water had taken place on the 8th February, the Chairman was instructed to write to the Chief Executive outlining the views of the meeting and asking for a response to questions raised.

Highways

Andrew Partridge reported that he continued to interact with Highways and continuously report the road defects using the reporting system and the actions carried out. He also asked for more assistance with this to keep the pressure on to improve the network. He will produce an article for EVN.

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SNOWDROP TEAS AT ST NICHOLAS

The sun didn't shine on Sunday 12th February, but many people from Eydon and surrounding villages came to view our wonderful snowdrops and to enjoy the delicious home made cakes.

The locally made marmalade proved very popular too and the afternoon raised a good sum of money for the church.

February Bin Collections



Tuesday 7th March

Blue & Green bins



Tuesday 14th March

Black bin



Tuesday 21st March

Blue & Green bins



Tuesday 28th March

Black bin

You will only receive garden waste collections if you pay for the service.

The Eydon Village News may be a great source of events and news about Eydon and surrounding villages, but we'd like to hear YOUR stories too! Are you new to the village? Do you have any stories, observations or ditties you'd like to share? Then email us at: evn@eydon-village.co.uk or write to us at: EVN, Ashview, 3 Byfield Road, Eydon, NN11 3PL

Eydon Ladies

All ladies from Eydon and the surrounding villages are welcome to come to our meetings, which are normally held in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.



Details of our exciting programme of events will be available shortly but our first meeting this year will be on 19th April, when we will collect your annual subscription. As our programme of events is a little shorter than usual, owing to circumstances beyond our control membership for this year will only be £15 – we do hope you come along and support the group. The fee for guests and non-members is £3 per evening.

If you haven't been to a meeting before, or are a little nervous about coming along please contact us and we will arrange for someone to call for you on the night.

Some of our meetings involve speakers or topics which are of more general interest – we call these open evenings and absolutely everyone is welcome, partners, friends and, of course, potential new Eydon Ladies members.

Your new committee has great enthusiasm for the group to continue and lots of ideas for things to do, however, if you have ideas for potential speakers with contact details, topics or trips please let us know, fresh ideas are always welcome.

Carrie Bedford Chairperson 01327 262706 Ruth Kukla Treasurer 01327 264109 Sue Invernizzi Secretary Jackie Ray Committee Member

Fish 'n Chip Lunches

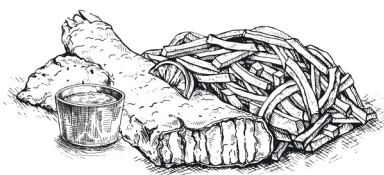
It was "normal service resumed" on February 260303, or john@grindlay.org.uk). Cost is 15th, in the Sports Pavilion, when some 16 £8.00, of which contributions go to The Sports gathered for the fish and chip (and Chinese-style) lunches again. Field, and to Katherine House.

John Grindlay

This was after a 2-year interruption, but nothing had changed. Judith Watson won the quiz (maybe with a bit of help from Alan), so it was just like old times!

The March Fish 'n Chip lunch is on the 3rd Wednesday again, March 15th at 12:30. The quiz is being set by Sarah & Ken Fowler.

There are still a few places available, so book now, with John Grindlay, Rectory Barn (01327



Photography Club

For anyone within the village who has an interest in photography there is a group of like-minded people who get together once every two months in the Village Hall to discuss and share photographs.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 29th March if anybody would like to join us. Start time is 7:30pm.

Andrew Partridge

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The Royal Oak

The Chairman reported that the application for listing as an asset of Community Value had been accepted. It runs for 5 years.

Recruitment of Parish Clerk

The Chairman reported that one application for the post had been received and one more was expected.

Vacancy on Parish Council

Councillors were asked to continue to try and find another candidate.

Emergency Plan

A working group to formulate exactly what was required was agreed, being the Chairman, and Councillors Partridge and Carter.

Planning Matters

There were no specific applications to discuss, however in attendance were members of the public who were prospective buyers of the land on Lime Avenue which had been granted permission for a custom self-build property. They explained their local connections to the area and the Parish council welcomed their interest in using the Village design statement in their design work.

Village Parking

A resident reported on the appalling parking problems that they were encountering in Lime Avenue, particularly at the entrance to Blacksmiths Lane. It was

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drawn to the Parish Councils attention of the lack of parking in this area of the village and asked for it to consider the matter.

King Charles III Coronation Weekend

It was agreed to hold a street party and present the children in the Village once more with a free celebratory mug. Various councillors volunteered to take responsibility for the preparations. Consideration as to what was possible for the King's desire for legacy volunteering was discussed without a resolution.

Annual Litter Pick

This was agreed for 18th March.

Annual Assembly

This was agreed for 14th April.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm. The next planned meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30 on Tuesday 14th March in the Village hall

Keith Simmons

Parish Council Chairman



EYDON PLAYERS ARE LOOKING FOR MEMBERS!

WE'RE AN INCLUSIVE GROUP WITH A WIDE AGE RANGE. WE MEET SOCIALLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AS WELL AS PUT ON VARIOUS PRODUCTIONS, PANTOS, PLAYS & REVIEWS.

WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET PEOPLE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP BACKSTAGE, SET BUILD, DIRECT A PLAY, HELP FRONT OF HOUSE OR PERFORM.

On May 6th, we are hoping to put on a review celebrating the coronation.

It would be a great opportunity to come along and lend a hand to this brilliant local society and have fun at the same time.

Please contact Gemma Clowes via:
gemclowes@gmail.com

Eydon Knits is back!

If you like to knit or crochet, or want to learn, bring your yarn and needles to Eydon Knits. We would particularly welcome newer villagers.

Since 2014 we have made a dog show; hats, socks, gloves and scarves; bags, cushions, decorations and children's clothes. We all learned new stitches or techniques.



After 5 years' 'holiday' we are quite laid back so will work on our individual ideas or projects.

Thursday 16th March - cast on, 2pm at 18 High St.

'Book' your seat please by emailing Sue Lodge on: kevnuel@gmail.com

Next meeting, Thursday April 20th at 7.30pm

PARKING ON VERGES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Residents have brought to the Parish Councils attention the problem of vehicles being parked on the verges.

Where no waiting restrictions are present on a road, parking a car or van on a grass verge or pavement is not illegal.



However, a driver may be open to prosecution if their vehicle is persistently damaging a verge, parked dangerously or causing an obstruction.

In the above case, vehicles exiting Blacksmiths Lane had a very restricted view, and the vehicle owner could have been liable for a fixed penalty fine for parking dangerously.

While it appears that the above example may not be a residents vehicle, it would be greatly appreciated if, for example you have tradesmen visiting, you ask that they park in a safe manner and with consideration for both pedestrians and other road users alike.



FIRST WEDNESDAY – FIRST for 2023

This was our first meeting of the year, which started with the A.G.M.

Last year commenced with the festive lunch at Hellidon Lakes Hotel, then 7 speakers during the year, an outing to Aston Pottery followed by Kelmscott Manor. We also held a Jubilee Tea in the village hall and our annual garden party was kindly accommodated by Sue Yates in her garden.

The next item on the agenda was finance and our treasurer Richard Collins presented the accounts, which were shown to be in good shape.

Subscriptions remain at £14.

Members of the committee were thanked for their unstinting assistance, without whom the organisation would not be possible. At the last count we had 46 members.

The programme for 2023, compiled by Tom Tresham, was distributed to members present.

Our speaker today was Sue Tresham who kindly stepped into the breach at short notice and gave us a talk on her many visits to Japan. She gave us an insight into Japanese life who's life expectancy is 83. The Japanese seem a bit wary about foreigners and do not have much in the way of immigrants.

Japanese Salary men all wear uniforms to work and have very



long working hours, not less than 12 hours per day. Families live in small apartments and they all economise on bath water! They use 3 alphabets containing thousands of characters whose script goes up and down the page vertically! The staple diet seems to be Japanese rice (none other) noodles and raw fish. They are very fond of tea ceremonies and their bullet trains are always on time.

Sue's talk was nicely supported with slides and she brought along a selection of Japanese items including chop sticks which some members struggled with!

Richard Forsyth

Eydon 200 Club

Below are the results of the final draws for this 200 club year that took place in December and January, including bonus prizes. The new 200 club year starts with the first draw at the end of February.

December draw

1st prize: Valerie Jackson 2nd prize: Mike Jackson 3rd prize: Ada Maxted

Bonus prizes: Carol Barnes, Victoria Wilkins, Susan Trans, Caroline Bedford, Howard Carter

January draw

1st prize: Jim Beaty 2nd prize: Elaine King 3rd prize: Bea Barnes

Bonus prizes: Louise Brown, Shelley Carter, James & Kat Taylor, Ruth Kukla, Verena Jackson

Congratulations to all the winners.

Thanks to everyone who has entered for 2023/24.

If you have any questions regarding the 200 club please contact: elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com

GOVERNING BOARD VACANCIES—CULWORTH & BODDINGTON

OUR WARM, WELCOMING AND DEDICATED SCHOOLS NEED YOU:

Have you thought about becoming a School Governor or know anybody who might?

We are currently looking to recruit a School Governor to join our Local Governing Board. This position would be suitable for someone who has enthusiasm, commitment and an interest in education and wishes to develop their skills around governance and strategic leadership. A background in education is not essential, as training will be given. We would particularly welcome new Governors who have transferable skills developed at work such as finance, health and safety, safeguarding, buildings and premises or who have a particularly good understanding of the community served by the school.

Who can become a School Governor?

All types of people can become School Governors. You do not need to have a child at the school. No special qualifications are required, but you must be 18 or over on the date when you are elected or appointed.



What do school Governors do?

The role and functions of the Local Governing Body of a school are to:

- Provide clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.
Hold the Head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.
- Support the school to ensure that the best education is provided for all of its children
- Support the staff to drive the school forward

If you have any questions, or would like to find out more about the role, please do contact:

Sandra Prewer 01295 760610 Email: s.prewer@cb-cepa.org

Time Commitment and Training for Governors:

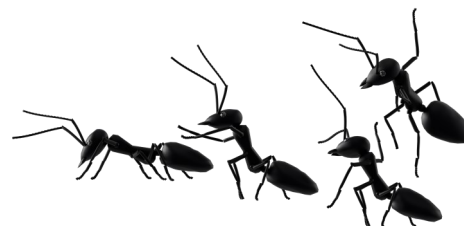
Our Governor Board meetings are held 6 times a year on weekday evenings

Being a Governor is a serious commitment, but it can be very rewarding. Find out more about the benefits of becoming a school governor on the School Governors website: www.sgoss.org.uk

Village Working Groups

The Parish Council would like to establish a set of 'working groups'.

The first of these will be based around monitoring, coordinating and communicating with Utilities Companies in respect of their primary activities which effect the village. There are currently issues ongoing with Anglian Water and Highways and this could be broadened out to include other utility providers to the village. This is not aimed at dealing with any individual complaint, but to tackle these large organisations through the Parish Council in respect of their overall performance or planned / promised improvement to the systems supporting the village.



The second group would meet regularly (maybe monthly) to identify and deal with a miscellaneous range of activities around the village that don't seem to fall into any individual organisation's remit, for example clearance of footpaths and run-off channels to road drainage gullies.

I shall coordinate the establishment of these working groups, so anyone who is interested in joining in or has a suggestion for other groups that may be useful to the village please contact me via e-mail - andrew.partridge@eydon-village.co.uk

From The Chairman, Eydon Parish Council - Open meeting with Anglian Water

On the 8th February the Parish Council hosted a public meeting with Anglian Water regarding the water supply in the Village and the Company's proposed plans to improve it. The meeting was well attended with about 40 residents in the village hall. This was a good turnout, as was necessary to reflect the residents strength of feeling on this matter. Many thanks to all who turned out.

The council outlined the situation regarding our water supply, the failures over many years, culminating in four outages in the summer last year, including on the day of the record high temperatures recorded in the UK and the scenes of spontaneous fires breaking out.

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FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE—ENGLAND v FRANCE

SATURDAY 11th MARCH AT 4.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Supporting "The Star at Sulgrave" taking vehicles and supplies to Ukraine

TICKETS £10 PER HEAD INCLUDES

WATCHING THE FULL GAME, CIDER, BURGER or HOTDOG.



WE ARE ALSO IN URGENT NEED OF GENERATORS OF ANY SIZE!

CONTACT BARRY OR SIMON 01327 261068

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The Parish Council has been pursuing Anglian to invest in the infrastructure to improve our supply and with the help of individual residents thought we had secured agreement for replacement of the existing feed and a new secondary supply. This had previously been confirmed in writing by the Chief Executive Peter Simpson and other senior managers, including by email to a resident from Pete Holland, who was the main Anglian representative at the meeting.

In correspondence prior to the meeting Mr. Holland had confirmed a change to this understanding, and the plan was now to only replace the original feed from Culworth and this only to the new tanker input site, leaving 300 meters of old pipe to Lime Avenue. He claimed the dual feed approach was a mistake, despite having sent the email himself!

The Chairman and others obviously challenged this, pointing out that we had received the Chief Executives' assurance for the second feed, which despite having to wait for construction, had given some comfort that ultimately our supply would be more secure. We now felt the Company had let the residents down by this change of plan.

Mr. Holland had no answer to this complaint.

Other issues discussed were timescales - work on the replacement only should commence on site in April 2024, still another year to wait.

Residents also were concerned that even if the single feed was replaced the rest of the infrastructure in Culworth - our water currently comes from the underwater reservoir in Thorpe Mandeville - would still be the old original pipes and without a second feed we will still be vulnerable. The company had no plan to replace pipes within Eydon Village confines, it was put to them the plan simply shifted the problem.

Compensation - they explained why residents were not entitled to any under the scheme, which was challenged, and residents made the point that when outages occurred the tanker supply was more about saving Anglian paying compensation than providing meaningful supply. The Company has undertaken to publish a new 'Promise to Customers' which will reflect situations like ours where compensation isn't due under the current scheme.

Anglian had previously indicated a willingness to make a gesture in respect of compensation as a donation of £3250 to the Village. It was pointed out that this did not even match one single compensation payment for the 14 outages since 2016.

After some frank exchanges the meeting ended, and the two executives were asked to report back on our views and come back to the Parish Council.

At the subsequent Parish Council meeting the Chairman was charged to write directly with our views to the Chief Executive Peter Simpson. This has now done, and the letter has been published in full on the Eydon Village website.

You can view it here: <https://eydon-village.co.uk/news/Anglian-water>

Keith Simmons—Parish Council Chairman

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A Personal View...

March 2023

The appalling recent earthquake tragedy in Syria and Turkey brings home to us all the vulnerability of human life. Tens of thousands have perished, and countless others will be eking out a miserable existence for months, most likely many years, to come.

Eydon, and indeed countless villages up and down the UK, are blessed with a reasonably secure environment, so when something does go wrong to disrupt our lives, we really feel it.

Take, for example, the interruptions to our water supply last year. The Parish Council quite correctly and ably called the water supply company to task. By calling the recent Meeting with representatives of the water company, the PCC not only achieved a constructive discussion with positive results, but also correctly demonstrated that we will not tolerate significant disruptions to our normally secure life.

But even in our Country, the unexpected can turn into long-term disruption.

On Thursday morning July 17th 1984, the largest recorded earthquake hit the UK. The epicentre was not in England, but in Snowdonia. The small town of Pwllheli was hit with a force of 5.4 on the Richter scale. From 13 miles under the earth's surface, the tremors radiated as far as Liverpool and Birmingham. There hadn't been a recorded earthquake like it in the UK before, and nothing as big since. There were scores of injuries, significant damage to buildings and roads, but no fatalities.



However, the Trawsfynydd nuclear power station must have felt the shock, being only 18 miles from the epicentre.

The brief history of the Power Station is that it was commissioned in the late 1950's and completed in 1965 when it started generating power for a large part of Wales and North-west England. After the earthquake, nothing in public was said about any flaws in the design or construction. However, it was apparent that soon after the earthquake some cracks were found to be developing in one of the reactors. The result of the inquiry into the cracks blamed poor design, but no mention of the earthquake. The Power Station ceased to operate in 1991, after only 25 years use. However, the surrounding land and farm animals were found to be contaminated with radiation, well over any acceptable levels.

Farmers were compensated, and sheep destroyed as being unsuitable for consumption. The closure process is still underway, with hundreds of staff still employed, which is likely to continue as planned until the year 2083. The excess radiation around Trawsfynydd was conveniently blamed on the Russian Chernobyl disaster in 1986. "Winds at high levels" were, apparently, the sole reason that sheep in the location of the Snowdonia Nuclear Power Station suffered from excess radiation. I don't think we would buy that story nowadays...

Have we had a minor earthquake here in Eydon, recently? I do wonder why some stone walling has recently collapsed, and at the same time a tomb has opened up revealing an underground crypt in our old Churchyard.

Answers on a postcard, please!

In the meantime, our thoughts and prayers must be with those poor souls suffering in Turkey and Syria.

John Grindlay